

1 Cambridge to Piarere expressway project

The SH1 Cambridge to Piarere expressway (a Road of National Significance) will improve safety, travel time reliability, and boost the region's economic growth.

It's a 16km long 4-lane expressway, which will run from the southern end of the Waikato Expressway, through to the SH1/SH29 roundabout at Piarere and an interchange near Karāpiro Road.

It will be designed for 110km/h speed, with median separation, side barriers, and no direct property access.

We are working on consenting, property acquisition and design and we expect construction to start in late 2026*. Construction is expected to take approximately 6-7 years.

Timeframes

December 2024	Consent applications lodged
February 2025	Expert consenting panel appointed
Mid-late 2025	Decisions on consents and Notices of Requirements due
Mid-late 2025	Geotechnical investigation and tender design progressed*
By mid-2026	First contract awarded for construction*
Late 2026	Start of construction

* Subject to a range of supporting activities, including funding, consents, permits, archaeological authorities and designations, and completing property acquisition.



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